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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Kantishna Hills Re-
3 newable Energy Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **APPURTENANCE.**—The term “appur-
7 tenance” includes—

8 (A) transmission lines;

9 (B) distribution lines;

10 (C) signs;

11 (D) buried communication lines;

12 (E) necessary access routes for microhydro
13 project construction, operation, and mainte-
14 nance; and

15 (F) electric cables.

16 (2) **KANTISHNA HILLS AREA.**—The term
17 “Kantishna Hills area” means the area of the Park
18 located within 2 miles of Moose Creek, as depicted
19 on the map.

20 (3) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map en-
21 titled “Kantishna Hills Micro-Hydro Area”, num-
22 bered 184/80,276, and dated August 27, 2010.

23 (4) **MICROHYDRO PROJECT.**—

24 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “microhydro
25 project” means a hydroelectric power gener-

1 ating facility with a maximum power generation
2 capability of 100 kilowatts.

3 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “microhydro
4 project” includes—

5 (i) intake pipelines, including the in-
6 take pipeline located on Eureka Creek, ap-
7 proximately ½ mile upstream from the
8 Park Road, as depicted on the map;

9 (ii) each system appurtenance of the
10 microhydro projects; and

11 (iii) any distribution or transmission
12 lines required to serve the Kantishna Hills
13 area.

14 (5) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Denali
15 National Park and Preserve.

16 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 **SEC. 3. PERMITS FOR MICROHYDRO PROJECTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue permits
20 for microhydro projects in the Kantishna Hills area.

21 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Each permit under
22 subsection (a) shall be—

23 (1) issued in accordance with such terms and
24 conditions as are generally applicable to rights-of-
25 way within units of the National Park System; and

1 (2) subject to such other terms and conditions
2 as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

3 (c) COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.—

4 Not later than 180 days after the date on which an appli-
5 cant submits an application for the issuance of a permit
6 under this section, the Secretary shall complete any anal-
7 ysis required by the National Environment Policy Act of
8 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) of any proposed or existing
9 microhydro projects located in the Kantishna Hills area.

10 **SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of consolidating
12 ownership of Park and Doyon Tourism, Inc. lands, includ-
13 ing those lands affected solely by the Doyon Tourism
14 microhydro project, and subject to subsection (d), the Sec-
15 retary may exchange Park land near or adjacent to land
16 owned by Doyon Tourism, Inc., located at the mouth of
17 Eureka Creek in sec. 13, T.16 S., R. 18 W., Fairbanks
18 Meridian, for approximately 18 acres of land owned by
19 Doyon Tourism, Inc., within the Galena patented mining
20 claim.

21 (b) MAP AVAILABILITY.—The map shall be on file
22 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
23 fices of the National Park Service.

1 (c) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to complete
2 the exchange under this section by not later than Feb-
3 ruary 1, 2015.

4 (d) APPLICABLE LAWS; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—
5 The exchange under this section shall be subject to—

6 (1) the laws (including regulations) and policies
7 applicable to exchanges of land administered by the
8 National Park Service, including the laws and poli-
9 cies concerning land appraisals, equalization of val-
10 ues, and environmental compliance; and

11 (2) such terms and conditions as the Secretary
12 determines to be necessary.

13 (e) EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.—If the tracts pro-
14 posed for exchange under this section are determined not
15 to be equal in value, an equalization of values may be
16 achieved by adjusting the quantity of acres described in
17 subsection (a).

18 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—The land acquired by the Sec-
19 retary pursuant to the exchange under this section shall
20 be administered as part of the Park.

Passed the House of Representatives October 24,
2011.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.